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RE: Fireworks

The continuing dry weather, with a forecast that gives us not much hope for relief over the next 8 to 10 days, causes concerns about the use of fireworks as the Fourth of July holiday approaches. The state has not issued a blanket ban on the use of fireworks, either by individuals or by licensed companies hired to put on fireworks/pyrotechnic displays. Because conditions vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, pursuant to KRS 227.750 (4) we believe the decision is properly held by local governments. We urge you to take into consideration all of these factors when determining whether to issue a fireworks ban in your community. Should your jurisdiction decide to ban the use of fireworks please forward a copy of the order to the Division of Fire Prevention.

Information on fireworks safety is available on line at:

<http://dhbc.ky.gov/sfm/Pages/Fireworks.aspx> and
<http://www.nfpa.org/index.asp?cookie%5Ftest=1>

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this issue please contact our office at 502-573-0384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William W. Swope".

William W. Swope
State Fire Marshal
Division of Fire Prevention